By the King.

CHARLES by the grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, defender of the faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting. WHEREAS Wee haue heretofore receiued certaine Information, aswell by the Ministers and Elders of the Dutch Churches, both in the parts beyond the Seas, and in Our Citie of *London*, as by the speciall and earnest recommendation of Our deareſt Sister, and her Royall Consort, Our deare Brother the Prince Elector Palatine, of the most distressed and lamentable estate of the poore exiled Ministers of the Palatinate, their Wiues and Children, who falling into the power of their cruel enemies, haue been spoiled of all their Temporal estates, and exposed vnto vnexpressible miseries, and are now inforced, as Exiles, to retire and hide themselues from the violence of their aduersaries, in seueral Cities, Towns, and other places, where they liue in very great penury and want, most of them hauing formerly had plentifull and liberall meanes to sustaine their owne charge, and to bee helpefull to others, whose cases are the more to be deplored, for that this extremity is fallen vpon them for their sincerity and constancie in the true Religion, which We, together with them, do professe, and which Wee are all bound in conscience to maintaine to the vttermost of Our powers. Whereas these religious and godly persons, being inuolued amongst many others their Countrey-men in that common calamitie, might haue enioyed their estates and fortunes, if with other backsliders, in the times of triall, they would haue submitted themselues to the Antichristian yoke, & haue renounced or dissembled the profession of the true Religion: WEE taking these things into Our Princely consideration, and being moued with the bowels of compassion towards them, as feeling members of the same body, whereof Christ alone is the head, and being certainely informed, that those of the Vnited Prouinces, and diuers other Protestants in other places, haue bountifully contributed towards their necessities, and being well assured, that all Our louing Subiects of this Our Kingdom, who haue long enioyed the freedome of the Gospel, and haue tasted largely of the comfort thereof, will not bee inferiour to any, in a worke so full of piety and charity towards their distressed brethren, did heretofore by Our Letters Patents of the nine and twentieth of Ianuarie, in the third yeere of Our Reigne, commend the distressed estates of these poore soules vnto the charities of all the people of this Our Realme. But Our gratious intention not hauing yet taken so good effect for the relieſe of those distressed soules as Wee expected, Wee haue now resolued to continue the same for a longer time. KNOWE yee therefore, That Wee, of Our Princely grace, doe order and graunt, that a generall Collection bee made of the charitable deuotions, and liberalities of all Our louing Subiects throughout this Our Realme of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, in all places whatsoeuer, as well within Liberties as without, towards the relieſe and succour of the said poore Exiles, liuing now dispersed and distressed in such sort, as aforesayd: which Collection Wee will and command, shall be made and ordered in manner and forme following: That is to say, Wee first will and grant, that by the discretion of the Archbishops of *Canterbury* and *Yorke*, Our owne Printer at Our owne charge, shall foorthwith print so many Brieſes of these our Letters Patents, as shall be sufficient to disperse them into euery Church and Chappell, where publique and Diuine seruice is vsually celebrated, in, and throughout this Our whole Kingdome and Dominion: And that the Letters Patents themselues vnder Our great Seale, bee left with the Archbishop of *Canterbury*; and that the Archbishops of *Canterbury* and *Yorke* doe receiue all these Brieſes from Our Printer, and shall with all speed send so many of them vnto euery Bishop within this Realme and Dominion, as shall be requisite for euery Church and Chappel within their seuerall Dioceſſes to haue one of them, that euery Bishop in euery Dioceſſe doe disperse them into euery Parish Church and Chappell, to be deliuered to the Minister of that place, that the Minister and Curate in euery Church and Chappell receiue them, and in the time of Diuine Seruice on some Sunday publish them, with an exhortation to the people for the stirring vp of their Christian deuotion to a worke so full of charity, that the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poore make diligent Collections of all the Parishioners, and persons present, that after the money shall be collected, the summe collected be endorsed on the backe of the Brieſe, and that it be publiquely declared vnto the Congregation what that summe doth amount vnto, which is there collected, that euery Bishop doe nominate in euery Deanry within his Dioceſſe, one able and fit Minister to be the Receiuer of all the money collected within that Deanry, to whom the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of euery Parish being within that Deanry, shall within three dayes after the Collection, pay ouer the money collected, and deliuer the Brieſe endorsed, receiuing from him a Note vnder his hand of the summe so payd, that euery such Minister within sixe dayes after the receipt of the moneys within that Deanry, pay the same ouer to the Lord Bishop of the Dioceſſe, or his Official, that the Bishop of the Dioceſſe deliuer or pay the same ouer to the hands of the Archbishop of that Prouince, within foureteene dayes after: that the said Archbishops, as they shall receiue any summe of one hundred pounds, or aboue, doe forthwith send and deliuer the same to the Ministers and Elders of the Dutch Congregation in *London*, at their meeting in their Consistory, and receiue from them a Note in writing, vnder the hands of foure of them at the least; that the Ministers and Elders of the Dutch Congregation in *London*, on whose fidelities & honesties in this behalfe We wil trust, doe with all conuenient speed send, or by exchange make ouer the same into the parts beyond the Seas, and diuide and distribute the same vnto, and amongst these poore distressed soules for their relieſe and sustenance, in such manner as for their cares, faithfulneſſe and discretions, they will be answerable to Vs for the same. And to that end, that they keepe a perfect account in writing of all their receipts, paiments, and distributions of the said moneys, to be shewed vnto Vs, whensoeuer, for Our satisfaction We shall call for the same. In witneſſe whereof Wee haue caused these Our Letters to be made Patents for the space of two yeeres now next ensuing the date hereof to continue. Witneſſe Our Selfe at *Westminster*, the sixth day of March, in the fift yeere of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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